GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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WHEAT EXPORT TO IRAQ
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private sector traders who had exported wheat to Iraq have requested for refund of Rs. 1.83 crore to them;

(b) if so, the basic on which they have made this request;

(c) whether some change was effected in the earlier Export Policy for exporting the wheat to Iraq;

(d) if so, the details of the changes in the policy alongwith reasons therefor; and

(e) the additional amount earned by the Government as a result of this?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b): Three private exporters registered with the Grain Board of Iraq, whose consignments were rejected by the Iraqi Authorities, on the basis of presence of inorganic foreign matter and live insects, etc. have requested for refund of the amount of Rs.190/- per MT charged from them, over and above the FCI issue price for export to Iraq, considering higher realizations from exports to Iraq.

(c),(d)&(e): FCI has been directed to ensure that no consignment is sent to Iraq unlessthe wheat is cleaned to meet the requirements of the Grain Board of Iraq.FCI has also been directed to set up cleaning facilities at Kandla Port or any other port from which export takes place. No additional amount has been earned by the Government.